Prisoner's Escape from Hospital

†4003. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-item published in the Dainik Jagran on 9th March, 2000 under the caption Lok Nayak Hospital Main Bharti Kaidi Shauchalaya Kay Raushandan Say farar;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to check such incidents of prisoner's escape; and

(c) whether Government are formulating any scheme to impart training to the police personnel to check recurrence of such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) Delhi Police have lodged an FIR in connection with unlawful escape of the prisoner in question and taken up the matter for investigation.

(b) The precautions taken to prevent such incidents include deployment of police guard with the prisoners taken out of jail premises and exercise of a strict watch on the acquaintances, etc. who visit them in the hospitals.

(c) A refresher training course has been introduced by Delhi Police for the benefit of police personnel deployed to guard prisoners taken out of jail premises.

FFP Pension cases from Maharashtra

4004. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of pending Freedom Fighter's Pension cases from Maharshtra State; and

(b) what steps are being taken for speedy clearance of the cases and how much more time Government would take to finalise such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) No case, complete in all respects and

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